



Memo /Report:

To: Public Works Council Committee/City Council
From: Otis T. Spriggs, Planning Dept.
Date: January 14, 2008
Re.: **Recommendation by MAPC to City Council to approve Text Amendment
Case: RZ07:50 – Mobile Vending Regulations: ORD 08:005:**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 92:907 AND SECTION 14, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, BY CLARIFYING SECTION 14.25 TO REGULATE THE USE AND LOCATION OF COMMERCIAL TRAILERS AND MOBILE VENDING UNITS

Dear Council Member:

Staff is requesting approval of **ORD 08:005; Text Amendment Case: RZ07:50 – Mobile Vending Regulations.**

The purpose of this amendment is to provide clarity to City Ordinances for the regulating of mobile vending units and commercial trailers. The Metropolitan Area Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 8, 2008 to consider this ordinance amendment. An emergency clause is requested on this item. Staff feels that the proper advertisement has been posted and opportunity for any objection has been offered. This ordinance not only allows for clarity in our ordinances, but allows vendors to operate within the City under reasonable controls and regulations.

MAPC Record of Proceedings- January 8, 2008:

City Planner Otis Spriggs came forward as proponent for this item. This ordinance would regulate the use of mobile vendors and states that if you are business selling food or commercial items then you would have to be in a permanent structure which was tied down. The only exception would be for special festivals or parades where it is a controlled environment. We have placed those exemptions into the ordinance. Temporary tents for sales have been placed within the ordinance as well.

Mr. Tomlinson asked about vegetable vendors who would sit on corners during season. City planner stated that it could be allowed as a tent sale if they were in a permissible location.

A motion was made by Joe Tomlinson, seconded by Gary Harpole, that this ordinance be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye – 7: Ken Collins; Margaret Norris; Lonnie Roberts Jr.; Joe Tomlinson; Jerry Halsey Jr.; Marvin Day and Gary Harpole

Absent: 1 - George Krennerich

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.